

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10-12, 14-17, 20, 22 and 28 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and 3 being independent.

The claims have been amended to better set forth Applicants' invention.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enabling requirement.

The claims remain rejected, however, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In setting forth the rejection, the primary contention in the Office Action is that the specification fails to adequately explain a composition and structure of the support frame 86, which corresponds to the claimed "first member." This contention is respectfully traversed. In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would be readily able to determine an appropriate composition and structure of the support frame. Glass, for example, is a conventional component of the support frame, and the specification, in paragraph [0159] infers that the support frame 86 is made of glass, as it is disclosed that the underlayer 204 of silver paste is a porous film having a high adhesion to glass. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the composition and structure of the support frame, *per se*, are not essential parts of Applicants' claimed invention, as the claims are directed to a method for manufacturing an image display

device. Still further, the claims have been amended and are now directed to an image display device instead of an airtight container.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' invention is described in sufficient detail that one skilled in the art would reasonably conclude that Applicants had possession of the claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese document is provided by its accompanying English-language abstract. For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent Publication Application No. 2002-0180342 corresponds to Korean Patent Document No. 2002-0065934.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in a Korean Office Action

dated June 1, 2006, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Office Action that issued on that related application is enclosed.

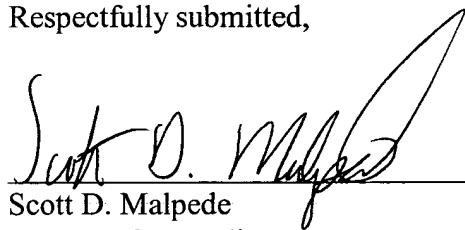
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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